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Rome, October 4. *N. S.*

ON Wednesday last the Affair relating to the Worship of Confucius in China, was brought to a final Determination, and the Jesuits who have hitherto pretended that the Decrees sent from Rome, and published by Cardinal Tournon in China, against some Innovations introduced by them in celebrating the Mass, were only Temporal and Privisional, are commanded under severe Penalties to forbear raising any more Questions on that Subject for the future, and to obey the fore-mentioned Decrees as absolute and definitive. Cardinal Grimani's Death hath made a fourteenth Vacancy in the Sacred College.

Copenhagen, October 18. *N. S.* Though we had some Expectations that the two Fleets would come to another Engagement, we are now assured they were not within two Leagues of each other. The Danes returned to their former Station, and the Swedes lye at present before Ensted, where they have lately received a Reinforcement. The Camp is at length formed near this Place, and his Danish Majesty has ordered Tents to be provided for himself and all the Court. A Dutch Convoy came last Week from Holland into the Sound, and lies ready to return home with the first fair Wind.

From the Camp before Aire, October 23. *N. S.* At the Attack on the side of Lambré we have pushed one of our Saps into the Place of Arms of the Saliant Angle before the Ravelin; our other five Saps are advanced along the Counterscarp, within a few Paces of the Pallisadoes. We have likewise finished two new Batteries, one of four, and the other of three Pieces of Cannon, to flank the Covered-way, and ruin the Enemy's Communications; the latter began to Fire this Morning, as the other will to Morrow. On the side of St. Quentin our Attack has been retarded by the great Rains, which still continue; however we have finished our five Bridges over the first Ditch between the Angle of the Bastion of Arras, and that of the Ravelin which covers the Port of Arras. The Sluices which the Enemy broke at St. Venant, during the Siege of that Place, being repaired, and the Passage of the Lys cleared, the Boats with Ammunition and Provisions do now come up to the Camp, and we are sending away the heaviest of our Field Pieces to be put on Board; the Roads in this Country being, after a Rainy Season, impracticable for Carriage of so great a Weight.

Brussels, October 25. *N. S.* Letters from Valladolid dated the 11th Instant tell us, that the Dukes of Anjou and Vendome had joined the Army at Tordisillas on the Duero, where they expected the Detachment from Portugal, which, as the Enemy give out, consists of nine thousand Men. His Catholick Majesty advanced with his Forces on the 30th past towards Talavera de la Reyna on the River Tago, where he was to be joined by a Body of eight thousand English and Portuguese, who had already passed the Guadiana in their March towards him. Our Advices from Paris say, the Mareschal de Noailles, who was sent from Spain to give the King a just Information of the Condition of Affairs in that Country, was to set out from thence in a Day or two towards Roussillion, where he proposeth to form a considerable Army, and make a Diversion; but the Season being so far advanced, there is no likelihood of much Action on that side. A Convoy consisting of two hundred Ships, laden with Forage and Ammunition, was to sail this Morning from Ghent up the Lys towards the Frontier.

Hague, October 24. *N. S.* Our Letters from Flanders tell us, that the Enemy having surprized a Post upon the Scarpe near St. Amand, called Hânon, in which we had a Garrison of fifty Men, a Detachment is sent from Tournay in order to dislodge the French that are posted in it, and recover the Place. A Party of the Garrison of Ipres have set Fire to a Magazine of Hay in Bruges, and entirely consumed it. The States have ordered the several Admiralties to fit out with all Expedition the Squadron that is to be sent into the Mediterranean under the Command of Vice-Admiral Pieterson, in the room of that lately brought home by Monsieur de Sommelsdyck. That Admiral reports, that he parted from Sir John Norris on the 22d of September at Tarragona, where he was to leave four British Men of War to convoy the Troops designed for Valencia, and was preparing to Sail with the rest of the Fleet under his Command for Port Mahon. Signior Grimani, the Venetian Ambassador, set out from hence yesterday to the Brill, where the Rotterdam Convoy is ready to Sail with the first fair Wind for England.

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